

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Up To Date.

He tore him from the merry throng  
Within the billiard hall:  
He was gotten up regardlessly  
To pay his party call.  
His thoughts were dire and dark within,  
Discourteous to fate:  
"Ah, me! those social debts incurred  
Are hard to liquidate."  
His boots were slendor, long and trim,  
His collar tall and swell,  
His hats were made by Dunlap,  
And his coats were cut by Bell.  
A symphony in black and white,  
"Of our set" the pride,  
Yet he lingered on his way—  
He would that he had died.  
His feet caressed the lonely way,  
The pave g. v. forth no sound;  
They seemed in pitying silence clothed—  
West Edward he was bound,  
He approached the mansion stealthily,  
The steps looked cold and chill:  
He glanced into the vestibule,  
But all was calm and still.  
He fingered nervously the bell,  
His card case in his hand  
He saw the mirror in the hall—  
Solomon, stately, grand,  
Said: "Only his spirits rose."  
The drawing room looked dim;  
The mental filled his soul with joy  
With "No! there's no one in."  
With fleecish glee he stole away,  
His heart was gay and light,  
Happy that he went and paid  
His party call that night.  
His steps turned to the billiard hall  
Blissfully he trod:  
He entered, "What, returned so soon?"  
Replied: "She's out, thank God!"  
Sixteen cues were put to rest  
Within their upright beds,  
And sixteen different tiles were placed  
On sixteen level heads:  
Sixteen men upon the street  
In solid phalanx all,  
And sixteen men on duty bent  
To pay their party call.  
When the fairest of her sex came home—  
At early dawn, I woen—  
She slowly looked the cards all out—  
They numbered seventeen.  
With calm relief she raised her eyes,  
Filled with grateful light,  
"Oh, Merciful Fate look down and see  
What I've escaped this night!"  
—Albert Riddle in Life.

Contrary to expectation the condition of business yecept hard times, has not had a particularly depressing effect on society in this city. Indeed the season thus far has been more animated than last year, which, however, is not saying a great deal, and December bids fair to be a comparatively gay month. There are a number of young ladies from abroad visiting in Lincoln, and there will be parties given in their honor before the close of the Christmas holidays. The Patriarchs, Empire and Ravola clubs will add to the sum of gaiety and the Pleasant Hour club will probably give the traditional holiday party. A number of smaller events are planned, and altogether there will be enough going on to make Lincoln, which of late years has been unusually subdued, seem quite gay.

**A Brilliant Dancing Party.**  
The handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson was the scene of the prettiest private dancing party of the season Monday evening. Mrs. Thompson entertaining for her sister, Miss Mary Miller, of Oak Park, Chicago. It was remarked that seldom has so much vivacity and spirit been displayed by the younger element of society people who largely comprised the guests on this occasion. The music, furnished by the State band orchestra, was particularly delightful, and the splendidly equipped dancing hall on the third floor, with a floor as smooth as the proverbial glass, made dancing more than usually enjoyable. Added to all this was the air of hospitality that always pervades the Thompson mansion—people entertained here always enjoy themselves.

Guests were received in the main drawing room by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Miller and Mr. Todd, of Oak Park. Dancing commenced early in the evening.

Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John B. Wright, C. F. Ladd, Oscar F. Funke, A. G. Beeson, C. S. Lippincott, F. W. Brown, L. C. Burr, W. C. Wilson, W. B. Ogden, J. E. Baum, of Omaha, S. H. Burnham, W. B. Hargreaves, Misses Price, of Chicago; Wells, of Cincinnati; Bennett, of Omaha; Mae Burr, Rachel Brock, Jeannette Wilson, Olive Latta, Anne Funke, Nellie White, Hallie Hooper, Bertie Burr, Mame Carson, Fay Marshall; Messrs. C. E. Spahr, George J. Woods, John T. Dorgan, B. G. Dawes, Pryor Markel, of Omaha; Harry Nutt, of Alliance; Charles L. Burr, R. M. Joyce, Lew Marshall, W. F. Kelley, Smith, Will Johnson, Mattson Baldwin, Mrs. J. W. Maxwell.

**Lowery-Candell.**  
Mr. George W. Lowery, of this city, was married Wednesday, November 20, at 11 a. m., to Miss Ella M. Candell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Candell, of Springfield, Ill. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride in that place, Rev. Dr. W. N. McElroy officiating.

The wedding was attended by only the immediate relatives. After partaking of an elegant wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Lowery took the train for Chicago and the east, and will not reach Lincoln until January 1. Mr. Lowery is a prominent grain dealer of this city, and his bride is an estimable and popular young lady. She is a sister of Mrs. George Bowerman, formerly of Lincoln. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Lowery will

make their home in this city. Mr. Lowery expects to erect a handsome new residence in the near future.

**Death of Miss Theo Laws.**  
Death, always hard enough to bear, seems to be wantonly cruel when it attacks youth, and destroys life at the threshold of manhood or womanhood, when so much hope is centered in the loved one by kindred and friends. So the death of Miss Theo Laws, daughter of ex-Congressman and Mrs. G. L. Laws, which occurred Monday evening after a lingering illness from the dreaded disease, consumption, is a very bitter affliction to the members of her family, and especially and for her young friends. Youth and beauty, lovable traits, the promise of happy womanhood, were here, and those who knew her delighted in the vivacity and sparkle of her disposition. At an age when appreciation is ripe and enjoyment keen, when the future seemed so bright and the end so far away came the fatal disease, with its accompanying gloom, destroying hope and bringing sorrow. Miss Laws was a very lovable girl, to whom family and friends were very warmly attached, and her death, although long expected, is a severe and trying shock. The family have the sincerest sympathy.

The funeral, which took place at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the residence on H street, was unusually solemn. Rev. Lewis Gregory, of the First Congregational church, read from the scripture, and offered prayer, and Mrs. C. S. Lippincott and Miss Hattie Becker sang. The regard in which the young girl was held was touchingly symbolized in a wealth of beautiful floral offerings. The remains were deposited in the receiving vault at Wyuka. Messrs. F. C. Zehrung, John T. Dorgan, Sam E. Low, Lew Marshall, Frank S. Burr and W. Morton Smith were pallbearers.

**Mme. Marie Tavyary.**  
The English grand opera company which Miss Clary will bring west next spring for the season in Omaha, Lincoln and other cities, will be headed by Mme. Marie Tavyary. This talented singer has had a most brilliant career, studying in Paris under Marchesi, Lamperti and Liszt, and appearing at Milan, Berlin and other cities of the continent when quite young. King Ludwig, of Bavaria, heard her sing and was enamored by her voice. He appointed her a prominent prima donna of the royal opera, and she remained thus attached until Ludwig's death. Later the young prima donna was secured by Augustus Harris to sing at Covent Garden, London, where her success was unusual. In 1891 she accepted an offer to come to the United States and appeared in grand opera. Her success was instant, genuine and lasting. In the larger American cities she established herself as an operatic artiste of first magnitude. She is peculiarly conscientious in her stage work, careful and observant in every detail, and heroic in great and exacting moments. Her voice is a soprano, of highest range, pure, rich, resonant, of rare lyric possessions, and her skill in execution is without limit.

**Ravola Club.**  
The Ravola club gave one of its enjoyable dancing parties at Temple Hall Friday evening. There was an unusually large attendance and several new dances were introduced during the evening, among them the Manton. Those present were Misses Nellie Lau, Anna Lau, Daisy Cochrane, Ada Heaton, May Moore, Josephine Lottridge, Stella Curtice, Marie Jones, Emerald Jones, Jennie Watson, Grace Huntsinger, Bessie Turner, Fannie Reor, Grace Ashton, Houseworth, Green, Sadie Graham, Helen Hoover, Jessie Leland; Messrs. Wilson Winger, Harry Harley, George Johnson, Arthur Walsh, McKee, Homer Honeywell, Frank Askin, Clayton Shader, Harry Evans, Edgar Reagan, George Steiner, Ora Ward, Park Garoutte, Harry Grupe, George Cullen, Arthur Hainer, Frank McFarland and Archie Vaughn.

**Miss Whedon Entertains.**  
Miss Lottie Whedon entertained a number of university friends Friday evening at the home of her parents, Nineteenth and D streets. The house was handsomely decorated and dancing formed the evening's entertainment. The guests were Misses Town, of Lawrence, Kas., Anderson, of Beatrice; Roberts, Burks, Camp, Jury, Rissler, Anna Broady, Alice Maitland, Helen Lau, Grob, Griggs, Agnes, Sewell, Lindley, Bonnell, Gere, Seacrest, Dora Harley, Ena Ricketts, Whiting, Wilder, Winger; Messrs. Robinson, Montmorancy, Puls, Andrews, Packard, Elliot, Will Westermann, Louis Westerman, Kitchen, Everett, Hardy, Ricketts, Pillsbury, Frank Jones, Raymond, Canfield, Wheeler, Lucas, Dickson, Hayward and Bucher.

**Empire Club.**  
The Empire club held the third party of the season Saturday evening at the Lansing hall with a full attendance. There were also several visitors present. The participants were Messrs. and Mesdames C. F. Ladd, D. E. Thompson, Will Green, J. A. Buckstaff, W. B. Hargreaves, F. W. Brown, S. H. Burnham, Funke, C. G. Dawes, A. G. Beeson, A. W. Jansen, Wilson, Mr. Todd and Miss Mary Miller, of Chicago. Mrs. Charles Lippincott, Miss Well, of Cincinnati, Mrs. W. R. Dennis, Mrs. Bailey, Lieutenant Pershing, Miss Olive Latta, Miss Bennett, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs.

Will Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Little and Mr. C. A. Hanna.

**A Very Pretty Children's Party.**  
One of the happiest events of childhood in the recurrence of birthdays and their celebrations. So when a number of little friends were the recipients of cards bearing the announcement that Oliver Everett would be at home on Wednesday December 6, from 4:30 to 8 o'clock, their joy was at its height. Children not yet accustomed to the usages of society are very prompt and by 4:30 the hospitable home of Dr. J. O. Everett was taken possession of by eighteen merry hearts. Their host kept them occupied with pretty games for some time, but before supper proposed a plunge in the Sanitarium which met with unqualified approval. After the plunge came a beautiful supper and the rest of the time was spent in frolic and fun at the Sanitarium. Master Oliver will have no cause to forget his twelfth birthday, for many pleasant tokens were left of the occasion. There were present: Jessie Outcalt, Fay McClay, Claire Funke, Marian Bell, Ruth Bell, Eva Demorest, Gerlie Tyler, John McGreer, Timothy Whiting, John Miller, Warner Baldwin, Alfred Hass, Detrich Lau, Alex Lau, Bert Watkins, Joe Burnham, Fred Lovist and Frank Dolson.

**Star Literary Society.**  
On Friday, December 8, the following program was given in Mrs. Metcalf's room at the Everett school by the Star literary society: Recitation, Guy Phillips; essay, Katie Shroove; duet, Grace Sparks, Louise Rivett; Star Herald, George Ludwig, Will Otto; recitation, Emma Outcalt; Washington's childhood, Minnie Johnson; youth, Bertha Asken; manhood, Will Stoner; death, Emma Canham; music, Marta Binford; dialogue, Will Stoner, Will Otto; reading, Mrs. Metcalf; query box, Bertha Asken; music, Clara Lemme; debate, negative, Fred Lewis, Fred Linard; affirmative, Grace Sparks, James Milligan.

**Pleasant Surprise Party.**  
Miss Nettie Schofield was given a pleasant surprise party Saturday evening at her home, 1901 U street. The participants were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Miss Elsie Franklin, Miss Anna Thomas, Miss Martha Thomas, Miss May Cooper, Miss Bessie Cooper, Miss Mary Jameson, Misses Alice and Emma Schofield, Mr. F. L. Whitman, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Mr. F. R. Husong, Mr. R. C. Scott, Mr. Ed Overhiser and Mr. F. J. Schofield. Miss Schofield was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, and an elegant oyster supper was served before the guests took their departure.

**Mrs. I. E. Johnson Entertains.**  
Mrs. I. E. Johnson entertained a few friends very pleasantly at her Saturday evening. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dalby, Mrs. S. U. Dalby, of Albion, Ill., Miss Emma Dalby, Miss Helen Hoover, Miss Lillian Overstreet, Mr. Russell F. Stauffer and Mr. Ralph Johnson.

**Promenade Concert.**  
Owing to the multiplicity of other similar entertainments the Lincoln Light Infantry company has decided to abandon the projected carnival and fair, and instead will give a promenade concert in representative hall at the state capitol, Thursday evening, December 14. Music will be furnished by the Nebraska state band and the Tuxedo Mandolin club, and an elaborate program will be rendered. The concert will be followed by an exhibition drill by the company, and commencing at 9:30 there will be dancing.

**New Infantry Company Officers.**  
At a regular meeting of the Lincoln Light Infantry, held at their headquarters on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, A. E. Campbell, first lieutenant, L. Wilson; second lieutenant, George Gascoigne; president, Richard O'Neil; vice president, B. W. Heffley; clerk, C. W. Outhwaite; financial secretary, J. S. Ferguson; treasurer, F. C. Patton; board of directors, R. H. O'Neil, C. W. Outhwaite, J. S. Ferguson, F. C. Patton, Will Jekkel, R. Rehleander and H. Meyer.

**Minor Mention.**  
The Episcopal bazar which was held in Temple hall this week attracted large crowds, and proved to be a very successful enterprise. Wednesday evening "Cinderella" was presented, Miss Florence Putman, appearing as Cinderella, Misses Helen Hoover and Delia Simons as the proud sisters; Miss Grace Burr as the Prince, Miss Agnes Sewall as the Fairy God Mother, and the following as attendants etc., Misses Maud Tyler, Bessie Bartruff, Clara Buckstaff, Bessie Hayden, Messrs. Will Tyler, and Pettit. Misses Grace Oakley and Mary Hoover supervised the tableaux.

A reception will be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Doane and Mr. Sloan at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday. Mr. Doane, the new secretary, and Mr. Sloan, the physical director, have only been in this city a short time, and it is for the purpose of introducing them to the public that the reception is given. The public is cordially invited.

Miss C. C. Tennant Clary, the moving spirit of the Western Opera association, was in the city Monday, and made further arrangements for Lincoln's season of grand opera next May.

Dr. L. W. Edwards of this city has received notice that he has been chosen by the medical staff of the Douglas

county hospital to fill the unexpired term of Dr. J. C. Lewis, who resigned as house surgeon of the hospital. The resignation took effect December 1, and Dr. Edwards left immediately to accept his new office.

Miss Katharine Miller, of Lafayette, Ind., sister of Mrs. A. G. Beeson and Mrs. R. J. Greene, of this city, will be married January 18. Miss Miller has visited in Lincoln several times and has many friends here. Mrs. Beeson and Mrs. Greene and others will go east for the wedding.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Nebraska Sons of Vermont, held at the office of Chancellor Canfield Saturday afternoon, it was decided that a mid-winter banquet be held at the Lincoln hotel on Tuesday, January 23.

The Acolian Mandolin club gave reception to a large number of invited guests at the residence of Mr. A. D. Ricketts, Twenty-seventh and N streets Wednesday evening.

Mr. Frank Zehrung and Mr. George Woods are setting the pace in the matter of wearing silk hats. Society is just now interested in the query, Who will be the next?

Mr. Fred K. Porter, of Alliance, returned to his home Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Oliver and family of South Twelfth street.

The ladies of the First Christian church, Fourteenth and K streets, held an attractive bazar Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Miss Mary Miller, of Oak Park, who was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Thompson, for a couple of weeks, left for home Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Todd, of Oak Park, Ill., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson, left for home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. McMurtry entertained a few friends Wednesday evening for Miss Doll, of Lafayette, Ind., who is her guest.

There will be a business meeting of the Pleasant Hour club at THE COURIER office Monday at 12 o'clock noon.

Miss Ella Kauffman, of Omaha, who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned to her home Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Shively, of Fremont, Neb., is visiting for a few days with Mrs. W. Witman, at 1042 C street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Freeman arrived Saturday afternoon from the east, and are at home at 1445 D street.

Little Sara, the skirt dancer, gave a benefit entertainment in the parlor of the Lindell hotel last night.

Hon. G. L. Laws arrived from Oklahoma Tuesday evening, called home by the death of his daughter.

Mrs. King, of West Point, is the guest of her brother, Professor Lawrence Bruner, of the university.

The Cheese and Cracker club met Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Miss Fay Marshall.

It is probable that another Pleasant Hour party will be held during the Christmas holidays.

The Lancaster County Farmer's club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albia Brown, Jr.

The Comus club gave an enjoyable party in the Halter building Thursday night.

Mrs. Oscar Funke spent several days in Omaha last week, returning Monday.

Mr. Frank L. Hathaway, who has been ill in Denver, is said to be much better.

Mr. J. L. McDonald left Monday for Charlestown, Prince Edwards Island.

Miss Hueltt, of Omaha, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Lella Shears.

Mr. Pryor L. Markel, of Omaha, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Hon. R. R. Greer, of Kearney, was in the city this week.

Mr. Harry Nutt, of Alliance, was in the city this week.

Miss M. E. Lau is visiting friends in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum returned to Omaha Tuesday.

Mr. A. Koch-Andriano visited Omaha Thursday.

Hon. Church Howe is at the Lincoln Hotel.

Miss Anne Funke is visiting in Omaha.

**Be Sure to Go There.**  
When you are down town making your purchases for the holidays, do not forget to drop into Rector's, corner Twelfth and N streets. There you will find a complete line of holiday perfumes, all varieties and flavors; also a full line of drugs and toilet articles. Rector also carries Tenney's confectionery, which is now recognized as one of the very best makes. Bon-bons, chocolates, caramels, fancy candies, etc., in pound boxes and smaller. All kinds of warm drinks and soda water at Rector's.

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